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Memorandum

To: **Examiner Michael Meucci** FAX: 571-273-3892
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From: Jeffrey King

Date: January 23, 2009

Re: Outline for Telephone Interview for 10/697,606 filed October 29, 2003
(Atty Docket No. 015358-005210US)

Dear Examiner Meucci:

Thank you very much for granting an interview on this application. After reviewing the agenda, please let me know which dates and times would work best for you. I propose one of the following three days:

- Tuesday, January 27, 2009 (anytime except 1:00-2:00 EST)
- Wednesday, January 28, 2009 (anytime)
- Thursday, January 29, 2009 (anytime).

Following is an outline for the points of our discussion.

1. Claims 12-24 have been rejected as being anticipated by Edwards (U.S. Patent No. 6,592,076).
2. Applicants propose amending independent claims 12 and 24 to further distinguish the claimed invention from Edwards.
 - a. Applicants propose adding the following limitations to claims 12 and 24: “detecting mounting of the agent card in an agency base unit of the plurality of agency base unit,” “reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card after detecting mounting of the agent card,” and “executing the at least one response functionality after reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card.”
 - b. With regard to “detecting mounting of the agent card in an agency base unit of the plurality of agency base unit.”
 - i. Edwards doesn’t appear to teach these features. The Office Action equates repositories 14a-14n of Fig. 3 of Edwards to the agent cards recited in claim 12 and 24 and equates the principals 18a-18n of Fig. 3 of Edwards to the agency base unit recited in claims 12 and 24. But, Edwards does not teach or suggest that the repositories are “mounted” in the principals

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much less "detecting mounting of the agent card in an agency base unit" as recited in claim 12. In Edwards, the principals access data from the repositories using bit providers that communicate with the repositories using appropriate storage protocols. See Edwards, Fig. 3, reference no. 16, and col. 11, lines 17-20.

- c. With regard to "reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card in response to detecting mounting of the card."
 - i. Edwards also does not appear to teach this feature. In Edwards, the state of a document is not stored in the repositories (which the Examiner has equated to the agent cards recited in claim 12). Instead, the repositories merely serve as a source of document content. The state of a document, such as how content from the repositories is organized in the document, is stored in a "base document" (Fig. 3, reference nos. 20a-20n). Each base document is associated with a principal, and the principal customizes the based document by attaching properties (e.g., Fig. 3, reference nos. 22 and 24) to based document. When the principal accesses the base document, the properties attached to the base document are used to provide the principal with a version of the document with the content organized according to the principal's needs. See Edwards, col. 12, lines 10-35.
 - ii. Edwards also doesn't appear to teach or suggest "accessing document contents from the repositories "in response to detecting of mounting of the card" as recited in claim 12. Instead, in Edwards, the content repositories are accessed when a user requests content via an application running on one of the front end components 10a-10n. See Edwards, col. 10, line 64-col. 11, line 5.
- d. With regard to "executing the at least one response functionality after reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card"
 - i. As described above, the repositories of Edwards are merely used as a source of document contents. Edwards does not teach or suggest that the repositories may be used to store executable functionality.

Please contact me at 858-350-6117 for any questions you may have regarding this interview. I look forward to discussing this case with you.

Sincerely,



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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

12. (PROPOSED) A method of processing information for use on a network, comprising:

configuring a plurality of agency base units such that each agency base unit is addressable at an address on the network;

storing, on an agent card of a plurality of agent cards, at least one response functionality for implementing one or more document request response functions;

storing, on the agent card, state for the at least one response functionality that is provided to a user of the network at an address dependent on the address of the agency base unit into which the agent card is mounted, wherein the state included on the agent card is a state of the at least one response functionality; and

detecting mounting of the agent card in an agency base unit of the plurality of agency base unit;

reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card after detecting mounting of the agent card; and

executing the at least one response functionality after reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card.

24. (PROPOSED) A method of processing information for use on a network, comprising:

configuring a plurality of agency base units such that each agency base unit is addressable at an address on the network;

coupling each of the plurality of agency base units to an HTTP server;

storing, on an agent card of a plurality of agent cards, at least one response functionality for implementing one or more document request response functions;

storing, in an XML file in a file system on the agent card state for the at least one response functionality that is provided to a user of the network at an address dependent on the address of the agency base unit into which the agent card is mounted, wherein the state included on the agent card is a state of the at least one response functionality; and

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detecting mounting of the agent card in an agency base unit of the plurality of agency basic unit;

reading the one or more response functions from the agent card in response to detecting mounting of the agent card; and

executing the one or more response functions after reading the state of the at least one response functionality from the agent card.